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SUBJECT: BADGER BELGIUM CASE

REF: BRUSSELS 4038

1. GUSTAV WUNDER, VICE PRESIDENT BADGER MASSACHUSETTS, CALLED EMBASSY LAST NIGHT FROM BADGER'S LONDON OFFICE, TO REPORT THAT SETTLEMENT OF BADGER BELGIUM'S TERMINATION PAY CLAIMS HAD BEEN REACHED ALONG LINES REFTEL IN MEETINGS WITH TRADE UNIONS WITH MINISTER EYSKENS IN MEDIATING ROLE. WUNDER SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH SETTLEMENT. HE CONFIRMED THAT EYSKENS HAD BEEN VERY HELPFUL AND IMPARTIAL IN ARRANGING AGREEMENT BETWEEN INTERESTED PARTIES AND THAT A JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE HAD BEEN AGREED ON AND FOLLOWED.

2. ACCORDING TO WUNDER, NEXT STEP IS UNIONS' MEETING MIDDLE OF THIS WEEK WITH EMPLOYEES TO RATIFY PROPOSED CLAIMS SETTLEMENT AND OBTAIN SIGNED INDIVIDUAL WAIVERS
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WITHDRAWING EMPLOYEE CLAIMS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT. ON POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING "CONCORDAT" IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT OF EMPLOYEE CLAIMS, WUNDER SAID BANKRUPTCH RECEIVER, WHO PARTICIPATED IN EYSKENS' MEETING, NOTED "COMPLICATIONS" UNDER BELGIAN LAW IN GRANTING CONCORDAT IN BADGER SITUATION, EVEN IF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT RATIFIED. RECIEVER SUGGESTED

VARIOUS WAYS OF ASSISTING BADGER BELGIUM ON "CONCORDAT,"
INCLUDING "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT," WHICH WUNDER SAID
MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO COMPANY.

3. WUNDER WILL BE IN THE HAGUE TODAY AND IN PARIS
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK. HE SAID HE WOULD
TRY TO BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE
FROM EUROPE. IF ALL GOES WELL, HE HOPES TO RETURN TO
THE UNITED STATES FRIDAY, APRIL 29. RENNER

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